



# Knight Digest



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December 2018

## Calendar of Events

December 10th ..... Council Meeting  
December 16th ..... Breakfast with Santa  
December 24th ..... Council Meeting  
December 31st ..... Bring - a - Dish  
January 11th ..... Pasta Night  
January 26th ..... Murder Mystery Dinner



A very big THANK YOU to all who attended our Tailgate Party on Nov. 4th. It was a HUGH success. A special Thank You to Sir Knight Kris "Big G" Cancelleri, Sir Knight Robert "Pyncks" Pynckels, Brother Knight Matt Permison of KILLA SEASONING and Brother Knight Zack Morin of STEADY SMOKE BBQ & CATERING. Without these gentlemen putting in their time, effort and dedication our event would be for naught.

THANKS GUYS  
FOR A KILLA TAILGATE  
PARTY



**THANK YOU!**

## The Columbian Club



"Bring - a - Dish"



December 31st  
8:00 PM

Bring your favorite food, so that we can create a grand buffet

1035 Jeanette Ave.  
Union, NJ 07083

Congratulations to JFK Sir Knight Stanley Omoruyi and Sir Knight Patrick Onuekwusi on their Exemplification on November 18 at the La-Neve. They were among the 50 Brother Knights who advanced to the 4th Degree. God Bless you both. FN Leonard J Komar Jr.



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**Knight Digest Editor**  
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**Union, NJ 07083**

or preferably via email to: [tomdudek@outlook.com](mailto:tomdudek@outlook.com).

You must clearly identify all people in photos submitted and at what council event the photo was taken. Photos with alcoholic beverages will not be considered. Photos may also be submitted via email as hi-resolution image files. Hard copy photos will only be returned when accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

## Council Officers

*Chaplain*..... Rev. Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu  
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*1st Yr. Trustee* ..... Greg Henn, PGK  
*4th Degree Faithful*  
*Navigator*..... Len Komar  
*Columbian Club*  
*President* ..... Alex Costa, PGK  
*Swim Club President*..... Joe Marateo, PGK  
*Columbiette President* ..... Fran Corcione

## Monthly Meetings

1st. Mon. ----- Council Officers  
2nd & 4th Mon. ----- Council Mtgs.  
3rd Mon. ----- Swim Club  
3rd Tues. ----- Columbiettes  
4th Wed. ----- 4th Degree Assembly  
4th Thu. ----- Columbian Club

## MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Brothers All,

The Christmas Season draws near and soon we will herald another year. Brothers, I want to take this opportunity to extend my sincerest best wishes to each and every one of you and your families. Aside from all these reasons to observe and celebrate the Christmas Season is a time of the year when we really need to show love to one another, Good will towards men and peace on earth. This is the time of the year when you have the perfect excuse to pick-up a phone and contact that long lost relative or college roommate. This is the season when your acts of charity and generosity are particularly appreciated and this is the time of the season when you can reflect.

The month of December starts our Keep Christ in Christmas campaign. The Nativity was placed at Town Hall on December 1st and we will oversee our Nativity Blessing on December 4th. Our Columbian Club will be hosting our annual Breakfast with Santa on December 16th. When I first joined our Council in 2011, this was the first event I chaired. The joy and happiness I got to see in the children's eyes upon receiving a gift from Santa made all the work worthwhile. I highly encourage all to attend this breakfast.

It goes without saying that December is the month of Christmas and Christ's birth. Please remember the true meaning of this holiday as it is very easy to get swept up in the shopping hustle and bustle. Take a few moments to remember why we celebrate this holiday. I also ask that you consider a small donation to our Council that will go toward annual efforts. Your Christmas donation will go toward our charitable causes such as IDD, Food for Families, Coats for Kids, Special Olympics, etc.

Merry Christmas to everyone!

Vivat Jesus!

Michael P. Willemse, PGK  
Grand Knight; Union KofC 4504



## Charitable Raffle

The next Charitable Fund Raffle will be held on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

Tickets have been mailed out, but if you need additional tickets, please contact Andy Schopfer at [aschopfer@verizon.net](mailto:aschopfer@verizon.net).



## Brothers in Business

Are you a brother who has his own business? Council 4504 has decided to spotlight, on a monthly basis, in the Digest and on the Council's website, a brother who has his own business. That business may be in or out of Union.

We therefore are asking all brothers who own your own businesses, to submit your names, business name and services offered to GK Michael Willemse or PGK Giftus John. We will then randomly pick a business to highlight. All businesses submitted will be highlighted, and submissions will be on an ongoing basis. No deadlines!

We are hoping that this initiative will work at building stronger ties between our business brothers and our general membership who have need for their services, hopefully at a special rate.

What better way to watch the games with some libations and good friends?

With free food or course!



Come on down to watch the games and have a good time.

DATE	WHO'S COOKING	FOOD
September 23, 2018	GREGORY HENN PGK	GRILLED CHICKEN
September 30, 2018	BIG G	SAUSAGE & PEPPERS
October 7, 2018	COLUMBIAN CLUB	PIZZA
October 14, 2018	GINA ZANGARI	SHE'LL DECIDE THAT DAY
October 21, 2018	ALEX COSTA/JOE HARBISON	BURGERS, DOGS & SOME KINDA FISH
October 28, 2018	RONNIE GIAMEO SR.	ITALIAN/PORTUGUESE CUISINE
November 4, 2018	TAILGATE PARTY	Giants Bye Week
November 11, 2018	JOE BURLEW	SLIDERS
November 18, 2018	NO FOOD/FUENTES FUNDRAISER	Jets Bye Week
November 25, 2018	GINO & RICK GONZALES	LASANGA AND STUFF
December 2, 2018		
December 9, 2018		
December 16, 2018		
December 23, 2018		
December 30, 2018		
January 5, 2019		NFL Wild Card Game
January 6, 2019		NFL Wild Card Game
January 12, 2019		NFL Divisional Game
January 13, 2019		NFL Divisional Game
January 20, 2019		NFL Conference Championships
January 27, 2019	CHILL CONTEST	Pro Bowl
February 3, 2019	SUPERBOWL PARTY	SUPERBOWL PARTY

All food should be ready by halftime of the early game. Club kicks in \$50 for expenses.

For the 6th year running, I will be chairing our annual

### Coat & Clothing Drive

As per both our local churches, all donations benefit the ELIZABETH COALITION TO HOUSE THE HOMELESS.

There will be a collection bin in the front entrance & you can contact me at 305-898-1570.

Thank you.  
Alex Costa, FDD  
President  
Columbian Club of Union



## BREAKFAST with SANTA

SUNDAY DECEMBER 16 10:00 AM  
12:30 PM

The Columbian Club of Union  
1034 Jeanette Avenue

For Tickets Contact:

John Bashaw @ 908.591.4338 or columbianclub4504@gmail.com

PosterMyWall.com

Family of 4 \$35.00 (\$40.00 at the door)  
(2 adults / 2 kids under 12)  
Adults \$12.00  
Kids \$8.00

Union Council will be having our annual Christmas dinner this upcoming **Monday, December 10th 2018**. Dinner starts at 6:30pm. After the dinner, a general meeting will commence. Chief Goose will be cooking the Christmas dinner this year, so it promises to be a very delicious meal. Cost for Christmas meal is a simple \$10/person. See you all on Monday night.

## SAVE THE DATE



January 26, 2019  
\$30/person  
\$55/couple

# Civic Award

Recognizing

*JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY*

*ASSEMBLY 666*

*UNION, New Jersey*

For outstanding implementation  
of patriotic programming  
faithful to the principles of the  
Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus



October 1, 2018

*Carl A. Anderson*  
Supreme Knight

*Anthony M. ...*  
Supreme Master

On the evening of November 5th, the Supreme Master Paul Pinkman awarded the JFK Assembly, a Civic Award for 2018. This award is a tribute to the spirit of patriotism. It is a honor to accept this award on behalf of JFK Sir Knights, who took time out to assist in the many events. The Assembly cosponsored Wreaths Across America program at the First Presbyterian Cemetery in Elizabeth and Honor and Remember Flag for Sgt Caciolo.

Sir Knights and Color Corp were busy on Memorial Day attending the Memorial Day Mass at St. Michael's and the Union Memorial Day Parade / Ceremonies . We also participating in the Memorial Day Mass at St Gertrude in Colonia. This award is a direct result of the Assembly's continued endeavors to honor and respect those who served our Nation both in the past and present. Well done Sir Knights. Vivat Jesus

FN Leonard J Komar Jr.

## Corner of Inspiration—Rev. Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu, Ph.D

The Bible enjoins us to owe nothing to anyone except the duty of care (Ref Roman 13:8). That is to say, there are things we owe to others as a matter of divine obligation and not a matter of personal decision or privilege. One of those duties is the Duty of Forgiveness.

In the book of Sirach 27:30 and 28:1-5 we read: “Anger and unforgiveness are abominations, yet a sinner holds on to them. The vengeful will face the Lord’s vengeance; for He will remember all their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor the wrong done to you; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Does anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Can one refuse mercy to a sinner like oneself, and yet seek pardon for one’s own sins? If a mere mortal cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Compounding these serious words, the gospels says: “But to you who hear what I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you” (Luke 6:27-28).

This sounds like a very impossible teaching and reminds me of the teaching of Christ on the Eucharist to which the disciples responded, “This is too hard a saying: who can take this kind of talk” (John 6:60).

The problem is that as human beings, we are not wired along the lines of this teaching; we are wired to be good to those who are kind to us and to make sure we deal with those who are bad to us. When we get hurt, our pride kicks in—we want to get even, hold the grudge, be vindictive, fight back, let the offender have it and to do whatever we can to maximize the revenge.

Unfortunately though, two negatives do not make a positive. In fact, if we followed the law of “A tooth for a tooth and an eye for an eye” the whole of humanity will be both toothless and blind. Responding to a bad act with a bad act does not make the response a good act. No wonder Scripture says: “Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all” (Romans 12:8). That is to say, “Hate what is evil and hold fast to what is good.” We should never let people bring us down to where they are at; we must always go higher so as to make a difference.

When it comes to forgiving those who have hurt you, the question is: “Who do you want to handle the wrong that has been done to you; yourself or your God? Scripture says: “Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”

In First Samuel chapter 6, we read the story of David who was on the run from Saul’s various attempts to kill him. One night, while Saul was in the wilderness with his army searching for David, he fell asleep with his sword by his side. David, on patrol of the area, saw Saul asleep with his sword by his side. David could have killed him instantly but he didn’t. He allowed God to avenge Saul’s behavior. This was one of the most glorifying moments in David’s formation for which God gave him the kingship of Israel. Also in the book of Philemon, we read about Paul and Onesimus. Onesimus was a slave to Philemon. He stole from his master and ran away. He spent time with Paul and when Paul was headed to Rome, he was desperate to return Onesimus to his master. In the letter he wrote to Philemon, Paul said: “If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account” (Philemon 1:18). Likewise, brothers, if someone has wronged you, charge the hurt and the wrong to God’s account. God has a way of taking care of the evil intentions of your enemies. He says, “Vengeance is mine and I will repay!” He has a way of turning the evil intentions of your enemies into your good and prosperity. God has a better way of avenging your hurt.

The Bible says: “Pray for those who hate you. if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by so doing you are heaping burning coals upon his head” (Romans 12:19-20). Now, praying for your enemies is not geared toward asking God to let them burn in hell; no. Praying for your enemies and doing good to those who have hurt you is a test of your character. When you bless and pray for your enemies, you are not blessing them for their sake nor for what they have done to you. You are blessing them for your own sake; you are revealing to God your inner person. When you bless your enemies, you are proving to God that you are grown and qualified for any level of blessing and promotion in life that He wishes to bestow upon you and that you will not use it for revenge nor to get even. This is what we see in the story about Joseph and his brothers in the book of Genesis. Out of spite, his brothers sold him off into slavery. But God turned that act into glory as Joseph became the second most powerful man in Egypt and his brothers now depended on him for survival. He forgave them and told them that “while they meant it for evil, God meant it for good” and that he had forgiven them for their evil act.

When you forgive and bless your enemies, you are the kind of person God wants to use for a higher purpose. You become a Joseph, a David because God knows that you are grown enough to appreciate His commandments. He can trust you to do right with His blessings no matter what. He can trust you not to be blinded by vindictiveness, anger, wrath, and revenge. He can trust you to move on with life, to be free of the burden of unforgiveness, to be a true servant of the master, and to be a temple of the Holy Spirit.



## Knights Family Dinners

This month's family dinner will have been cancelled. The dinners will resume on January 17th, weather permitting.

## Brothers in Business

We are delighted to highlight another brother knight in Brothers in Business in this edition of the Digest. Our brother knight featured this month is Mike Ibbotson, the Owner and President of Drain Away Sewer Plumbing Company. Mike is fourth degree Knight who joined the order nine years ago. He once served as the Hall Manager.

Mike says that no plumbing job is too small so if you are ever in need of a plumber, give him a call. Mike previously worked for Anthony Rizzo and Sons but eventually branched out to have his own business. Mike is offering \$50.00 off any job if you are a brother knight and you have him do a job at your home. He will also pay \$50.00 to any brother who recommends him to a client who does business with him.

We all wish Mike all the best with his company and pray that the business grows throughout the years. Mike is married and is the father of two children. He is also a proud-grandpa.

If you would like to be the next brother featured in the Digest please reach out to GK Mike Willemse, or to Digest Editor Tom Dudek.



**Michael Ibbotson**  
President

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- Heating
- Air Conditioning

**If you died today and I attended your funeral, which of the following would your family find more valuable?**

- A. \$20 donated to your GoFundMe
- B. \$50 in a sympathy card
- C. A dish of food
- D. A flower arrangement
- E. A check that would cover the cost of the funeral, remaining medical bills, all outstanding debt, pay off the house and replace years of lost income.

**If the answer is "E",  
message me and let's sit  
down and talk.**



## PASTA NIGHT

January 11, 2019

6PM - 9PM

1034 Jeanette Ave.

Union, NJ

In honor of our clergy from St. Michaels &  
Holy Spirit Parishes of Union

\$10.00 per person

Delicious Pasta Dinner

With meatballs, Garden Salad & Bread

50/50

Cash Bar

See your bartender or call

Kris (Big G) for tickets...908-868-7684

## Swinging on a Sunday for a Good Cause



On Sunday November 18th the Union Knights of Columbus hosted a fund raising event to benefit Brother Knight Rich Fuentes our Insurance General Agent and

longtime member of Union Council 4504. Rich was diagnosed with ALS, or Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis last March. ALS is also known as "Lou Gehrig's Disease", and it is a nervous system disease that weakens muscles and impacts physical function.

To help Rich and his family as they continue their journey with this terrible disease the Union Knights joined together to host an event not only to help raise funds to help pay for all the costs that medical insurance does not cover, but to help raise their spirits by showing that we as Brother Knights are there and will be there for Rich and his family as Rich was always there for our Council and our Brother Knights and their families as our Insurance Field and General Agent over the years.

The event "Swinging on a Sunday for a Good Cause" featured the Sinatra signing stylings of Eric DeLauro, ballroom dancers from the Arthur Murray Dance Studio in Cranford, over 50 gift baskets of donations from Knights families and local merchants and restaurants for raffle, and a fantastic array of hors d'oeuvres prepared by Brother Knights. It is safe to say that a great time was had by all with over 200 guests enjoying this Sunday afternoon event.

The Union Knights would like to thank everyone involved in this fundraiser for Rich Fuentes for making it a great and successful event. First Thank you to the over 200 people who attended because without you coming out to support the event, there was no event. Thank you to the committee, Steve Nagy, Thomas B. Conte, Allen Pascullo, Buddy Cotter, John Esposito, Frank A. Santangelo, Mike Eger, Diane Roesinger Lupo, Andrew Schopfer, Brian Reilly, and "Goose". Thank you to the Union Columbian Club for donating the use of the hall, tablecloths, and the first drink on them. Thank you to the kitchen crew and everyone who helped in the kitchen and setting up, especially Robert Pynckels, and Luke Sangiamo. Thank you to our bartenders John Alvino, Big G, and Linda Carroll for not only working so hard serving drinks but they donated their tips to Rich. Thank you to the Union Knights of

Columbus for their donation towards the purchase of the food. Thank you to the Columbiettes for all their support. Thank you to everyone who donated items for our auction baskets and to Diane Roesinger Lupo, Gina Giunta Zangari, and Mary Kay Pascullo for putting together such great looking baskets for the auction. Thank you to everyone who helped sell the auction and 50/50 tickets. Thank you to everyone who helped clean up after the event. And if I forgot to mention anyone else please this last big THANK YOU is for anyone and everyone who was a part of this great event for a really good cause. I know that Rich and Lori Fuentes and their family are Thankful for everything that was done yesterday for them.

Even though this event has come and gone with only the great memories of it, we are still accepting any donations and support for Rich and his family. If anyone would like to contribute to this cause, you can mail any donations to;

Union Knights of Columbus 4504  
c/o Tom Conte  
1119 Elker Road  
Union, NJ 07083

## Two Officers Appointed

Two new officers have been appointed to fill the position of First Year Trustee and Warden respectively following the resignation of PGK and 3 Year Trustee Ed McCormick and the unexcused absences of Warden Josh Meridia. PGK and Former DD, Bob Wozniak, replaces Ed while Chuck Cababe replaces Josh. Bob's son, Dave, is presently the Deputy Grand Knight while Chuck's son, Phillip, is the current Recorder. We welcome and congratulate Bob and Chuck and we look forward to their contribution as officers of Council 4504.

## Convention

BE READY...

THE 2019 CONVENTION WILL BE HELD  
MAY 16th-19th, 2019 AT THE ADVENTURER  
IN WILDWOOD. COMPLETE DETAILS WILL  
SOON BE AVAILABLE.

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**December 2018**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Council Officers Mtg.	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Council Mtg. 8:15 PM	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Swim Club Mtg.	18 Columbiettes Mtg.	19	20	21	22
23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Merry Christmas	26 4th Degree Assembly	27 Columbian Club	28	29
30	31 Bring-A-Dish					